

# School District Redistricting Commission

**Date:** Tuesday, December 11, 2007

**Time:** 2:00 p.m.

**Place:** House Hearing Room 5

The Arizona School District Redistricting Commission is a legislatively-enacted Commission through SB 1068 charged with reviewing all current common school districts that are not part of a unified school district and considering combining these into a new unified district to create districts that offer instruction to students from preschool through grade 12, including those with disabilities.

Since that action in 2005 by Arizona's 47<sup>th</sup> Legislature's First Regular Session, the Commission was formed and began its work, including research, community discussions, public hearings around the state, utilizing cutting edge technology tools through ASU's Decision Theater, education sessions with groups such as the Arizona Auditor General's office, individual commissioner appearances and discussion with key school and public groups and other invitations for input.

Of the current 227 Arizona school districts, the focus was on 108 elementary school districts and 15 union districts. In April 2007, initial plans were drafted and sent to 92 school districts and their personnel for feedback and input. Some districts received two plan options; others received one plan. Some districts that could have been included in a redistricting situation were not included for a variety of reasons determined by the Commission.

The affected districts were invited to provide feedback on the plans they received by September 15, 2007, an extension of the initial date set. Of those 92, to date, approximately 69 sent in feedback received by the Department of Education and provided it to the School District Redistricting Commission.

The Commission is now charged with choosing a final plan for each affected district. It is also the Commission's option to choose no plan. The last two plans will be finalized at the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting to allow for map and detail refinement to be sent to the Governor on or before December 31, 2007 for her signature. Once that occurs, those plans will be prepared for each district's ballot for the public to vote on in the November 2008 General Election.

## AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of the Revised SDRC Frequently Asked Questions
3. Final Determination of Unification Plans
  - i. Maricopa County
    1. West Valley Plan 1
    2. West Valley Plan 2
  - ii. Pinal County Plan 1
  - iii. Pinal County Plan 2

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4. Review of the Final Report to the Governor on Proposed School District Unification Plans
5. Public Input

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